

Minutes of Council Meeting Monday, February 9, 2015

Present: Kim Gidron, Council Member
Milt Felder, Council Member
Mike Fanning, Council Member
Harold Void, Council Member

Robin Newton, Town Clerk

I. Call to Order

Council Member Mike Fanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Council Member Mike Fanning made an announcement (just as a point of reference) that Mayor Stan Busch was not in attendance because of the death of his son, William Beau Busch. He also stated how thankful and impressed he was to see how well the Town of Ellore was represented at the service. The out flow of support for the Mayor from each department was very apparent. Council Member Mike Fanning stated that from the number of friends and family that attended the service Mr. Busch was a well thought of young man. Everyone please keep Mayor Busch and his family in your prayers.

II. Opening Prayer

Council Member Mike Fanning provided the invocation.

III. Approval of Minutes

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to look over the minutes from the January 12, 2015 Council Meeting, as written. Council Member Harold Void made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2015 Council Meeting as written. The motion was seconded by Council Member Mitt Felder and all were in favor.

IV. Special Guest or Public Request or Comment

There were no special guest.

V. Water Commission Report

Ms. Cole Dantzler presented the monthly report for the Ellore Water System. There were 89 work orders in January and 648 water customers billed. Water loss was at 15% for the month. The water and wastewater facilities and bacti were in compliance with DHEC for the month.

The next Ellore Water Commission will hold its next meeting on February 10, 2015 at 6:00 pm.

The Water Department is asking the citizens of Ellore to please leave your water dripping on those nights that the temperature drops below freezing. This will help keep the pipes from freezing and busting. Most people have a cut off valve on their side of the meter and it would be a good idea for the residence to locate this value so when there is a need they can turn off the water. If anyone needs help locating the value please give the water department a call and they can come out and help locate the value.

VI. Police Report

Police Chief Avinger informed council that he will present the Police Report for January and February at the next Council Meeting in March.

VII. Clerk/ Treasurer Report

Ms. Robin Newton presented the monthly clerk/treasurer report. The Police Fines Report for the month of January, showed the following totals:

- Total Fines Collected: \$754.50
- Remitted to State Treasurer: \$375.39
- Retained in Victims Assistance Fund: \$97.47
- Revenue Retained by Town: \$281.64 (Placed in Savings)

Council Members reviewed the financial report for January 2015 along with the copies of the Revenue and Expenditures report in their binders. Council Member Mike Fanning moved to accept the financial reports. Council Member Kim Gidron second the motion and all voted to accept.

Ms. Robin informed the Council that on January 30, 2015 Senator John Matthew's and Councilman Johnny Ravenell from District #2 came and met with the Mayor concerning further projects for Ellore.

Senator Matthew's concerns are with the economic capacity in Eastern Orangeburg County. We need to do more to build the economic capacity of Eastern Orangeburg County and drive up capital income. If the town looks good and is on the move, it encourages people to be part of the movement, because people want to be connected with what's on the move. Ellore has a lot to offer in the area of recreational space and facilities so, the question arises to determine what can we do to improve these areas.

Councilman Johnny Ravenell came to give the Mayor an update on the Capital Project Sales Tax III Penny Tax. Looking forward, the penny sales tax referendum is about to be distributed. Councilman Ravenell wanted to touch base with the mayor on the process of putting a plan together for the projects that the sales tax is slated for. How can we get Ellore to come together as a community and work together to create a shared vision for the town, something that people will support and take part in as well as ownership of.

Both Senator Matthew's and Councilman Ravenell complimented the Town of Ellore for how far the town has come and how beautiful the town is.

Council Member Harold Void stated that there will be a schedule call meeting for the Town Official to discuss the "six item wish list" for Senator Matthew's. We would like to see the community come out and participate as well as support the process of helping Ellore grow. A date and time for the meeting will be announced at a later date.

Ms. Robin recognized Ms. Evane Dukes a residence of Ellore, on the effort she made to pick up the trash on Harlin Street to Hwy 6. Her efforts have helped make Harlin Street look even better.

Ms. Robin spoke about the upcoming events that are taking place in the next few months here in Ellore.

Trash 2 Treasures will be held March 7, 2015. Flyers as well as applications have been mailed out to those vendors whom we have address for, and have already had a few vendors respond. I would like to invite everyone to participate in this event, "it is a great way to make a little extra cash or find a hidden treasure".

The Ellore Trials will be March 21, 2015. As always we are expecting a good turnout for the event. There will be a lot of beautiful horses at the trials as well as the Budweiser Clydesdales horses.

Pork Fest is another big event for Ellore that is fast approaching. In hopes of getting the word out as soon as possible Pork Fest will be held April 10 & 11, 2015 and we need cooks to participate. So please tell all your family and friends to come out and enjoy the food and festivities.

or For more information on any of the events, check out our web site (elloreesc.com) contact Ms. Robin at Town Hall via email (clerk@elloreesc.com) or phone (803-897-2821).

The next regular Town Council Meeting is Monday, March 9, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.

VIII. Old Business

Council Member Mike Fanning gave an update on the railroad crossing at Railroad Ave. and Hampton Street. This crossing has been closed ever since the railroad work was done last year. However, the Hampton Street will be reopen this week (based on the weather).

IX. New Business

Council Member Mike Fanning gave recognition to the Streets & Parks as well as Ellore Police Department.

First, the Streets & Parks employees are doing a great job of cleaning out the gutters. I have taken note of their work on Hwy 6 and on Cleveland Street. It makes a very good first impression for both residents and those passing through Ellore. Thank-you for a job well-done!

Second, the Police Department did a great job with the funeral escort for Mr. Tilly Martin. The service drew a large crowd and the location of the Ellore First Baptist Church's cemetery can be a traffic safety issued (located near the bottom of a hill and on a curve). The police department stationed cars on both the Ellore & St. Matthews sides of the cemetery with blue lights which both alerted & slowed down traffic.

I am proud of both departments.

X. Executive Session

There was no executive session held this month.

XI. Adjournment

Council Member Mike Fanning made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Kim Gidron seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Robin Newton,
Town Clerk